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DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS - STATISTICAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS
Fiscal Year 1990 - 100.0% Of The Year

June 1990

CATEGORY	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT/REVERTED*	AVAILABLE FOR THE YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	DISBURSMENTS AS % OF AVAIL. $
AFDC	$13,567,347	$111,100	$28,938	$13,649,509	$13,649,509	100.0%
General Assistance	$ 1,653,200	$ 0	$35,330	$ 1,617,870	1,617,870	100.0%
Emergency Assistance	$ 217,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 217,000	217,000	100.0%
SSI Supplementation	$ 731,300	$ 0	$10,806	$ 720,494	720,494	100.0%
TOTAL	$16,168,847	$111,100	$75,074	$16,204,873	$16,204,873	100.0%

* The amounts shown here include $5,224 in reverted funds.

Source: Statement of Appropriations and Account Balances

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1989	August	September	October
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,053,761	$2,100,661	$2,233,216	$2,252,541
Cases	7,305	7,535	7,635	7,822
Children	12,878	13,406	13,499	13,909
Recipients	18,796	19,488	19,629	20,293
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$10,815	$11,796	$13,305	$12,250
Cases	38	46	45	38
Children	81	96	97	86
Recipients	144	174	173	147
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,064,576	$2,112,457	$2,246,521	$2,264,791
Cases	7,343	7,581	7,680	7,860
Children	12,959	13,502	13,596	13,995
Recipients	18,940	19,662	19,802	20,440
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$122,509	$123,606	$127,355	$131,495
Cases	1,019	1,041	1,057	1,104
Children	430	438	556	444
Recipients	1,212	1,235	1,262	1,281
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$21,683	$37,712	$32,651	$37,646
Cases	152	254	224	253
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,522,688	$1,547,907	$1,576,064	$1,901,307
Cases	10,904	11,217	11,208	11,204
Recipients	29,441	30,286	30,262	30,251
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$58,834	$59,412	$58,688	$58,553
Cases-Recipients	483	488	484	481
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,572,039	$1,566,992	$1,575,071	$1,582,279
Cases-Recipients	7,441	7,441	7,455	7,509
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,630,873	$1,626,404	$1,633,759	$1,640,832
Cases-Recipients	7,543	7,544	7,559	7,611

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS (Cont'd)

	November	December	January 1990	February
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,314,831	$2,325,424	$2,344,953	$2,393,000
Cases	7,913	7,996	8,164	8,277
Children	13,983	14,099	14,373	14,508
Recipients	20,341	20,546	20,972	21,185
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$14,237	$13,979	$18,079	$19,022
Cases	57	45	55	63
Children	90	97	117	127
Recipients	167	174	213	239
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,329,068	$2,339,403	$2,363,032	$2,412,022
Cases	7,970	8,041	8,219	8,340
Children	14,073	14,196	14,490	14,635
Recipients	20,508	20,720	21,185	21,424
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$134,674	$141,512	$142,411	$146,811
Cases	1,134	1,178	1,221	1,236
Children	438	457	477	477
Recipients	1,285	1,349	1,411	1,428
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$34,678	$44,825	$45,060	$41,759
Cases	232	292	281	221
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,938,383	$2,033,284	$2,057,056	$2,100,442
Cases	11,500	11,889	12,024	12,370
Recipients	31,049	32,101	32,464	33,399
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$58,728	$58,662	$58,780	$58,585
Cases-Recipients	483	479	479	478
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,578,398	$1,580,459	$1,665,304	$1,698,321
Cases-Recipients	7,469	7,460	7,483	7,627
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,637,126	$1,639,121	$1,724,084	$1,756,906
Cases-Recipients	7,573	7,565	7,588	7,729

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS (Cont'd)

	March	April	May	June
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,372,359	$2,403,254	$2,370,662	$2,403,362
Cases	8,216	8,290	8,210	8,319
Children	14,378	14,408	14,294	14,456
Recipients	21,053	21,129	20,875	21,148
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$20,475	$19,303	$17,773	$15,259
Cases	61	57	59	48
Children	131	130	137	91
Recipients	241	233	240	170
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,392,834	$2,422,557	$2,388,435	$2,418,621
Cases	8,277	8,347	8,269	8,367
Children	14,509	14,538	14,431	14,547
Recipients	21,294	21,362	21,115	21,318
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$137,238	$139,738	$135,575	$142,160
Cases	1,163	1,181	1,128	1,184
Children	435	421	424	450
Recipients	1,333	1,345	1,294	1,366
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$49,933	$45,286	$54,103	$48,301
Cases	278	233	274	235
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$2,177,944	$2,097,160	$2,052,160	$2,078,140
Cases	12,699	12,621	12,517	12,583
Recipients	34,288	34,078	33,797	33,973
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$58,759	$59,796	$58,585	$58,354
Cases-Recipients	481	487	478	473
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,674,164	$1,696,571	$1,698,321	$1,714,920
Cases-Recipients	7,506	7,594	7,627	7,643
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,732,924	$1,756,367	$1,756,906	$1,773,274
Cases-Recipients	7,611	7,697	7,729	7,738

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	June 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	June 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$27,568,024	$24,681,529	11.7%
Cases	7,974	7,393	7.9%
Payments/Case	$288.12	$278.20	3.6%
Children	14,016	12,987	7.9%
Recipients	20,455	18,957	7.9%
Payments/Recipient	$112.31	$108.50	3.5%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$186,293	$144,164	29.2%
Cases	51	40	27.5%
Payments/Case	$304.40	$297.86	2.2%
Children	107	90	18.9%
Recipients	193	157	22.9%
Payments/Recipient	$80.47	$76.32	5.4%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$27,754,317	$24,825,693	11.8%
Cases	8,025	7,434	7.9%
Payments/Case	$288.22	$278.31	3.6%
Children	14,123	13,076	8.0%
Recipients	20,648	19,114	8.0%
Payments/Recipient	$112.02	$108.23	3.5%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$1,625,084	$1,583,240	2.6%
Cases	1,137	1,080	5.3%
Payments/Case	$119.09	$122.20	-2.5%
Children	454	471	-3.6%
Recipients	1,317	1,301	1.2%
Payments/Recipient	$102.85	$101.42	1.4%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (Cont'd

	June 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	June 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$493,636	$310,244	59.1%
Cases	244	174	40.2%
Payments/Case	$168.53	- $148.37	13.6%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$23,082,535	$18,517,052	24.7%
Cases	11,895	10,894	9.2%
Payments/Case	$161.71	$141.64	14.2%
Recipients	32,116	29,414	9.2%
Payments/Recipient	$59.89	$52.46	14.2%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$705,735	$736,470	-4.2%
Cases-Recipients	481	505	-4.8%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$122.23	$121.45	0.6%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$19,602,840	$18,654,127	5.1%
Cases-Recipients	7,521	7,489	0.4%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$217.19	$207.57	4.6%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$20,308,575	$19,390,597	4.7%
Cases-Recipients	7,624	7,598	0.3%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$221.98	$212.68	4.4%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages .

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

June 1990

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	8,319	5,671	1,376	1,272
	Recipients	21,148	14,102	3,741	3,305
AFDC-UP:	Cases	48	32	12	4
	Recipients	170	112	40	18
Total AFDC:	Cases	8,367	5,703	1,388	1,276
	Recipients	21,318	14,214	3,781	3,323
General Assistance:	Cases	1,184	906	142	136
	Recipients	1,366	1,014	166	186
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	235	164	26	45
Food Stamps:	Cases	12,583	7,522	2,585	2,476
	Recipients	33,973	20,310	6,979	6,684
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	473	237	73	163
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,643	4,087	1,635	1,921
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,738	4,137	1,650	1,951

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett

FROM: Paula Jones

DATE: August 27, 1990

RE: Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July 1989 - June 1990

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

For the third year in a row, State and Federal expenditures for all DHSS public assistance grants programs increased from the previous year. Specifically, there was an increase of 13.4%, or $8.6 million, in the amount spent in SFY'90 to provide AFDC, Food Stamps, and three other types of public assistance grants to Delaware clients.

The total SFY'90 spending on public assistance benefits amounted to over $73.3 million. Figure 1 shows the distribution of this amount among the five public assistance grants programs.

State government spending, which is associated with all programs except the Food Stamp program, increased at about the same rate: 13% or $1.9 million.

The increase in total State spending is largely attributable to AFDC spending, which rose at the rate of 15.7% or $1.9 million. Also, General Assistance spending contributed slightly to the increase in overall State spending, showing an increase of 3.1% or $48,368. On the other hand, spending on emergency assistance stayed constant in SFY'90, while SSI state spending decreased by 4.9% or $36,943.

As a result of these changes, State spending in this reporting period amounted to roughly $16.2 million. The distribution of State government expenditures by specific programs is shown in Figure 1.

AFDC PROGRAM

During SFY'90, AFDC monthly caseloads increased each month up through February and, after February, hovered at the level of roughly 8300 cases. As a result of these increases, there was a 7.9% increase in the SFY'90 monthly caseload (8,025) as compared with the SFY'89 caseload (7,434). This increase was accompanied by an 8% increase in the average monthly number of recipients, which brought the recipient count up to 20,648. As illustrated in Figure 3, this increase in AFDC participation occurred after at least four consecutive decreases in past years. AFDC caseload increases are not unique to Delaware. Federal analysts have reported that AFDC caseloads at the national level increased 4.7% between the first nine months of FFY 1989 and FFY 1990. This followed a .3% increase between the first nine months of FFY'88 and the same period in FFY 1989.

Aside from the increase in participation levels, the AFDC program exhibited a 3.6% increase in the average monthly payment per case (along with a 3.5% increase in the average monthly payment per recipient). This increase in payments can be explained in part by a 4% increase in the AFDC standard of need that affected all of SFY'90 but only 9 months in SFY'89 and another 7% increase in October 1989, with the latter being applicable to one and two-person households only. Other circumstances, such as higher average countable income levels for families participating in SFY'90, may have influenced average payments per case, but hard evidence pertaining to these other factors is not available.

Total AFDC expenditures for SFY'90 - roughly $27.8 million - reflected an 11.8% increase over SFY'89 spending. While AFDC expenditures for this reporting period first exhibited an increase in SFY'89, this current increase is much more significant than that exhibited in SFY'89, 2.5%. AFDC spending has not been at this current level since the early 1980s. Figure 2 illustrates the level of AFDC spending in the last five fiscal years.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As illustrated in Figure 5, General Assistance participation in SFY'90 increased for the first time in five years. (The most recent increase in GA caseloads occurred in SFY 1983). That-is, between SFY'89 and SFY'90, there was a 5.3% increase in the General Assistance caseload, which brought the average monthly caseload to 1,137. In addition, the average monthly number of GA recipients increased by 1.2% to 1,317 persons.

SSI EXPENDITURES

Total SSI spending increased modestly during SFY'90. Specifically, there was a 4.7% increase over SFY'89 spending which resulted in total spending of $20.3 million. This growth in expenditures resulted from a 4.4% increase in the average payment per recipient and a .3% increase in the average monthly number of recipients.

SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constituted the major component of the SSI program and exhibited changes similar to those mentioned above. The average number of recipients increased by less than 1%, while average payments per recipient rose 4.6% (reflecting a 4% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate as of January 1989 and a similar increase in January 1990). As a result, total Federal expenditures increased 5.1% in this reporting period.

In the SSI State Supplementation program, the direction of change in caseloads and payments contrasted with the previously described changes in the SSI Federal component. Specifically, there was a 4.8% decrease in the average monthly number of cases/recipients receiving State supplementation (481 persons in this period). This represents the first downturn in the five-year period ending with SFY'90 (see Figure 11).

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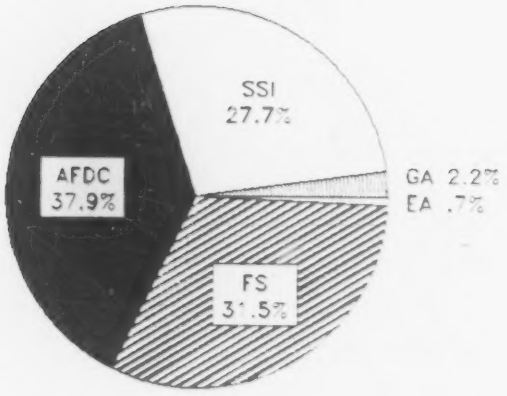
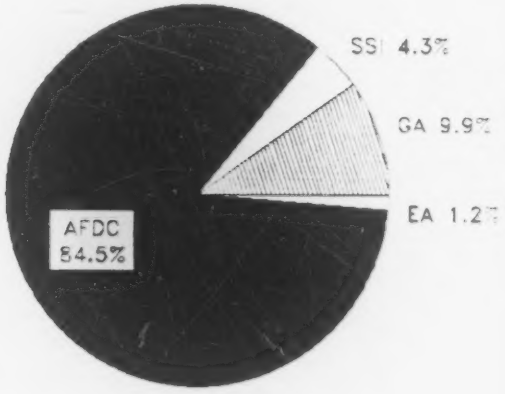
Figure 1

Distribution of Public Assistance Expenditures

State Fiscal Year 1990



Total Expenditures: $73.3 million



State Expenditures: $16.2 million

Figure 2

AFDC Expenditures

SFY 1986 - SFY 1990

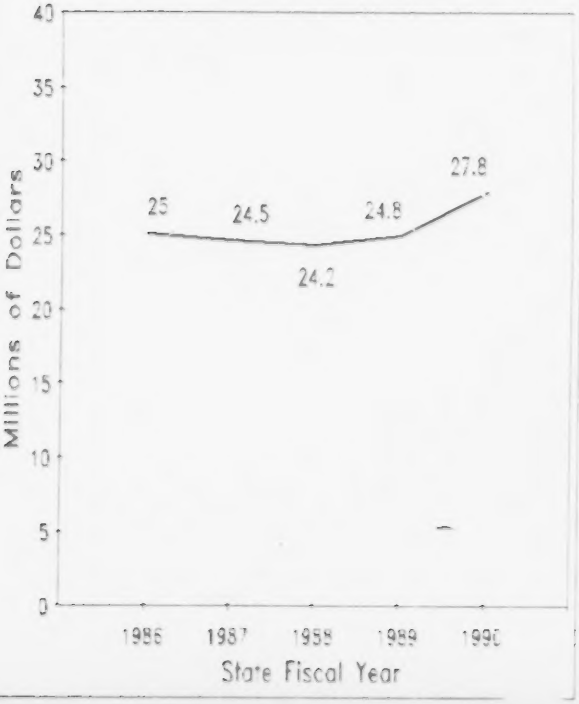
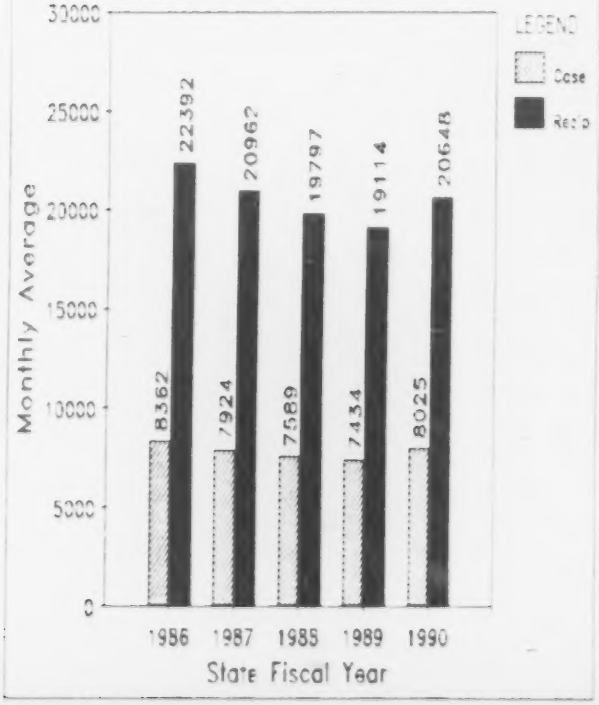


Figure 3

AFDC Participation

SFY1986-SFY1990



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General Assistance Expenditures

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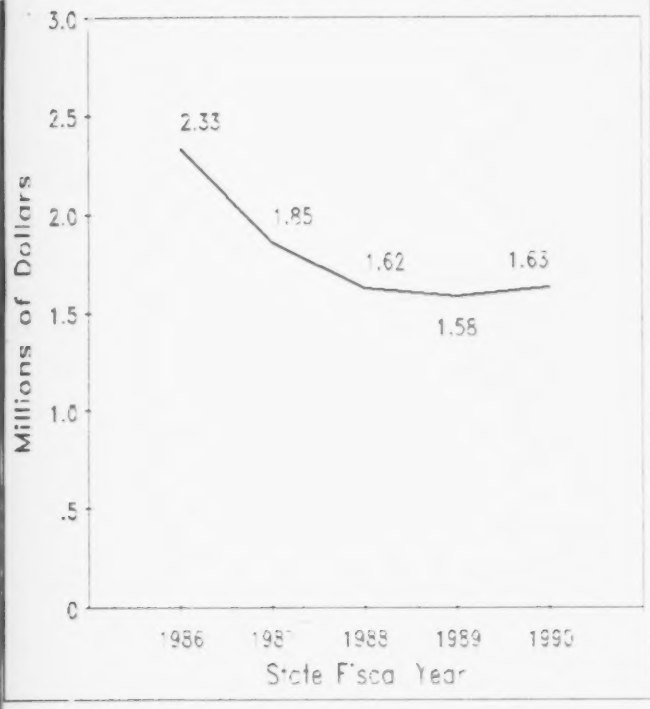

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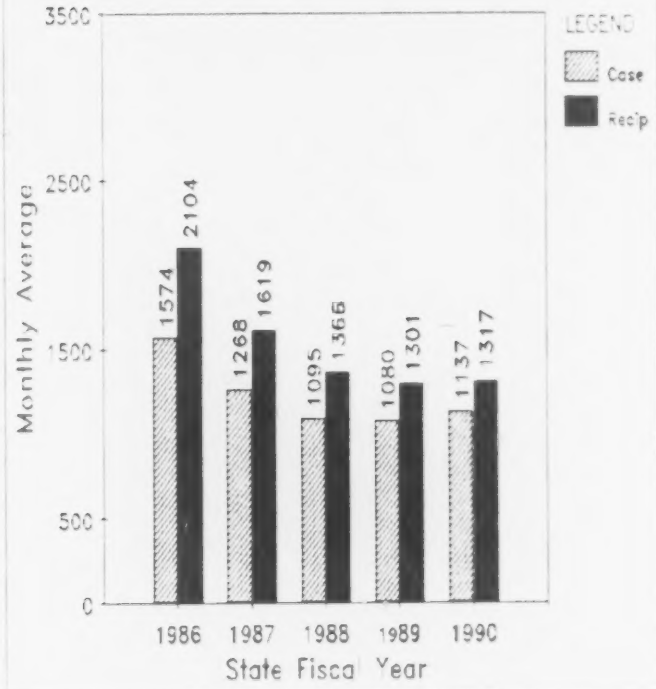

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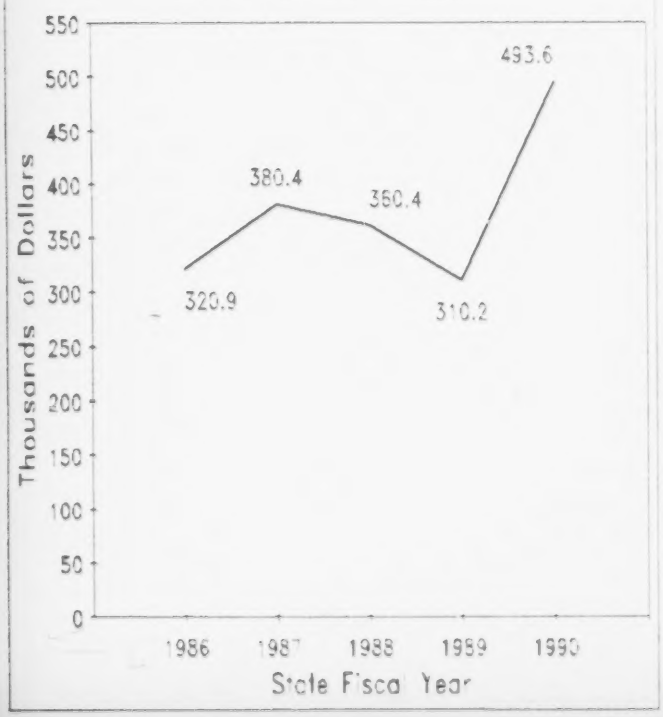
Emergency Assistance Expenditures

SFY 1986 - SFY 1990



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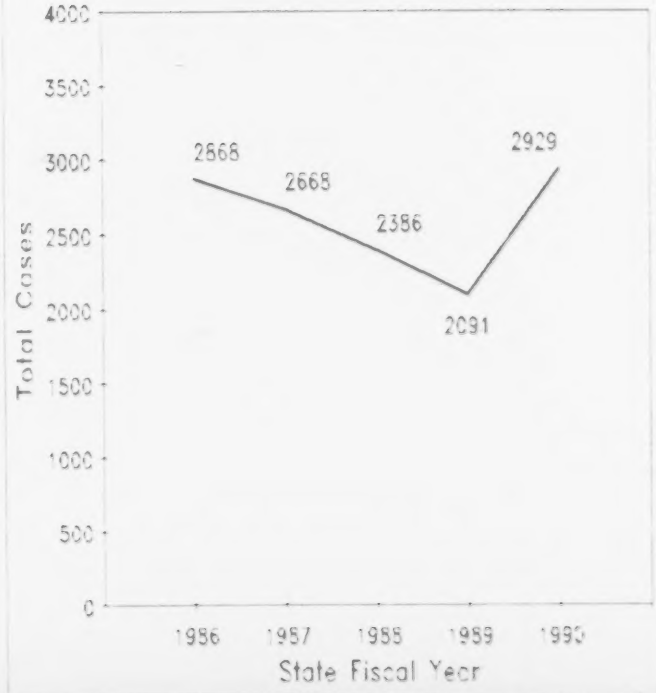
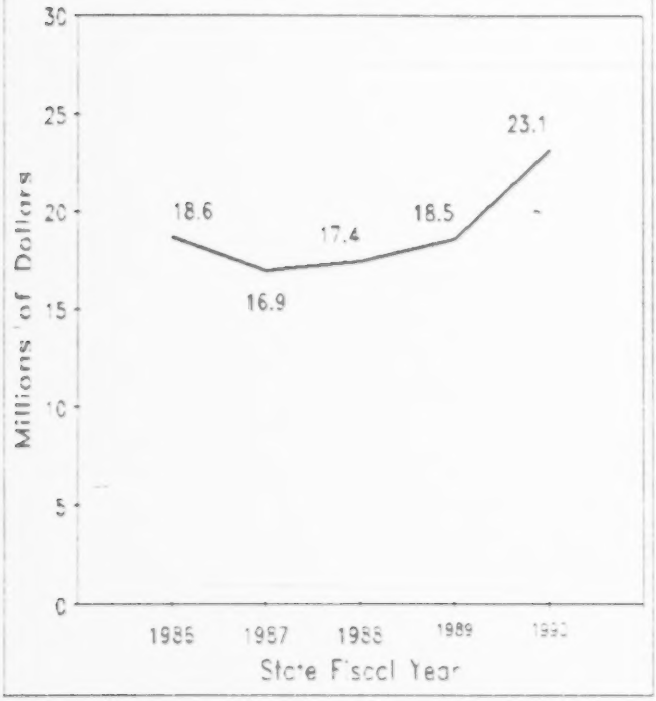


Figure 8

Food Stamp Expenditures

SFY 1986 - SFY 1990



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Food Stamp Participation

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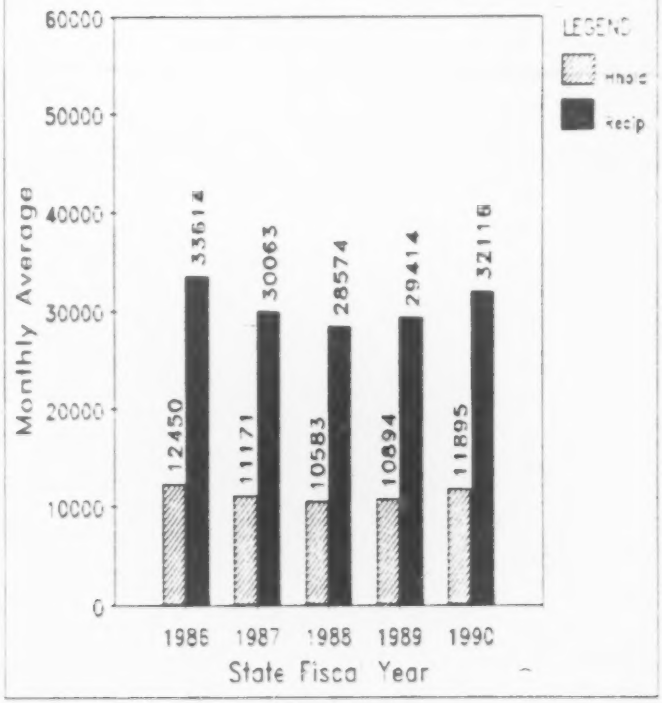

Figure 10

SSI State Supplementation Expenditures

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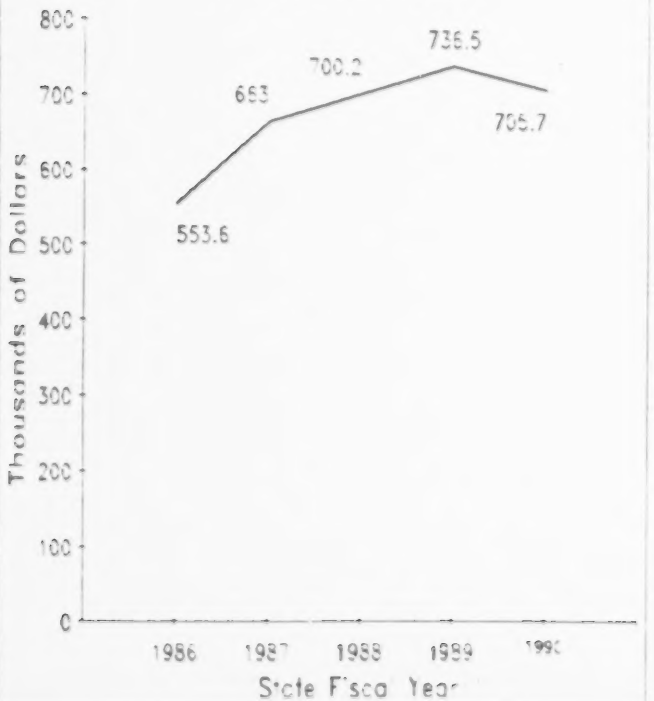

Figure 11

SSI State Supplementation Cases

SFY 1986 - SFY 1990

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AFDC	$15,254,100	$1,153,556	$14,100,545	7.6%
General Assistance	$1,810,300	$127,742	$1,682,558	7.1%
Emergency Assistance	$217,000	$43,400	$173,600	20.0%
SSI Supplementation	$761,300	$117,000	$644,300	15.4%
TOTAL	$18,042,700	$1,441,698	$16,601,003	8.0%

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TOTAL AFDC:	
Payments	$2,420,268
Cases	8,460
Children	14,713
Recipients	21,512
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:	
Payments	$137,739
Cases	1,153
Children	452
Recipients	1,334
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:	
Payments	$40,931
Cases	215
FOOD STAMPS:	
Payments	$2,068,461
Cases	12,627
Recipients	34,065
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:	
Payments	$59,663
Cases-Recipients	483
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:	
Payments	$1,722,561
Cases-Recipients	$7,692
TOTAL SSI:	
Payments	$1,782,224
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AFDC-UP			
Payments	$13,311	$10,815	23.1%
Cases	45	38	18.4%
Payments/Case	$295.80	$284.61	3.9%
Children	96	81	18.5%
Recipients	179	144	24.3%
Payments/Recipient	$74.36	$75.10	-1.0%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$2,420,268	$2,064,576	17.2%
Cases	8,460	7,343	15.2%
Payments/Case	$286.08	$281.16	1.7%
Children	14,713	12,959	13.5%
Recipients	21,512	18,940	13.6%
Payments/Recipient	$112.51	$109.01	3.2%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$137,739	$122,509	12.4%
Cases	1,153	1,019	13.2%
Payments/Case	$119.46	$120.22	-0.6%
Children	452	430	5.1%
Recipients	1,334	1,212	10.1%
Payments/Recipient	$103.25	$101.08	2.1%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	July 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	July 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$40,931	$21,683	88.8%
Cases	215	152	41.4%
Payments/Case	$190.38	$142.65	33.5%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$2,068,461	$1,522,688	35.8%
Cases	12,627	10,904	15.8%
Payments/Case	$163.81	$139.64	17.3%
Recipients	34,065	29,441	15.7%
Payments/Recipient	$60.72	$51.72	17.4%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$59,663	$58,834	1.4%
Cases-Recipients	483	483	0.0%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$123.53	$121.81	1.4%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$1,722,561	$1,572,039	9.6%
Cases-Recipients	7,692	7,441	3.4%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$223.94	$211.27	6.0%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$1,782,224	$1,630,873	9.3%
Cases-Recipients	7,793	7,543	3.3%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$228.70	$216.21	5.8%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

JULY 1990

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	8,415	5,823	1,349	1,243
	Recipients	21,333	14,453	3,665	3,215
AFDC-UP:	Cases	45	34	5	6
	Recipients	179	131	19	29
Total AFDC:	Cases	8,460	5,857	1,354	1,249
	Recipients	21,512	14,584	3,684	3,244
General Assistance:	Cases	1,153	898	124	131
	Recipients	1,334	1,016	144	174
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	215	135	27	53
Food Stamps:	Cases	12,627	7,632	2,579	2,416
	Recipients	34,065	20,579	6,963	6,523
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	483	239	73	171
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,692	4,100	1,655	1,937
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,793	4,154	1,670	1,969